

DECLARATION IN COPENDING APPLICATION
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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare:

That my residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that I believe that I am the original, first, and joint inventor of the invention entitled: REMODULATING CHANNEL SELECTORS FOR WDM OPTICAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS, the specification of which is attached (hereafter "this Application");

That I have reviewed and understand the contents of this Application, including the claims;

That this Application in part discloses and claims subject matter disclosed in my earlier filed application, Serial No. 08/669,049, for REMODULATING CHANNEL SELECTORS FOR WDM OPTICAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS filed June 24, 1996, which was co-pending with this Application;

That I acknowledge my duty to disclose information of which I am aware and which is material to the examination of this Application, including information which occurred between the filing of my earlier application and filing of this Application;

That as to the subject matter of this Application which is common to said earlier application, I do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before my invention thereof or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention thereof, or more than one year prior to said earlier application, or in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to said earlier application;

That the common subject matter has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of said earlier application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to said earlier application;

That no applications for patents or inventor's certificate on the common subject matter were filed in any country foreign to the United States of America, prior to said earlier application by me or my legal representatives or assigns;

That as to the subject matter of this Application which is

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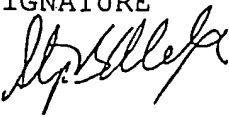
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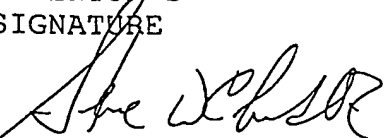
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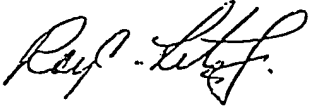
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